

**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Planning and Recreation Resources
Smith Mountain Lake State Park Master Plan Public Meeting
September 30, 2019 6:00 pm
Smith Mountain Lake State Park Visitor Center
Huddleston, Virginia**

TIME AND PLACE

The Public Meeting regarding the Master Plan for Smith Mountain Lake State Park took place at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019 at the Discovery Center at Smith Mountain Lake State Park in Huddleston, Virginia.

DCR STAFF PRESENT

Bill Conkle, Park Planner
Theresa Duffey, Resource Management Manager
Tim Vest, District 2 Manager
Dave Collett, Acting State Parks Director
Brian Heft, Park Manager
Lynn Crump, Scenic Resources Program Manager
Sean Dixon, Assistant Park Manager
Jared Vandergriff, Chief Ranger

PUBLIC PRESENT

10 members of the public attended the meeting, including Delegate Kathy Byron and Bedford County Supervisors Edgar Tuck and Andy Dooley. Representatives from local television and newspaper media were also in attendance.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting introduced the history of Virginia State Parks, overviewed the master planning process, provided an orientation to Smith Mountain Lake State Park, reviewed the proposed update to the park's master plan and allowed for public comment. Proposed developments for the park include campgrounds, cabins, paved off road multi-purpose trail, picnic area, reconfigured boat launch, bike accommodations, several piers and a redesigned entrance to the park. Public comments included a desire to give cabins and campgrounds a higher priority to support local tourism. Additionally, comments included a desire to provide areas for dogs to get in the water, new equestrian facilities, larger campsites, more accessible facilities, and a support for proposed bicycle facilities. The citizens in attendance expressed general support for the plan. The draft master plan will next be presented to the Board of Conservation and Recreation for recommended approval.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Draft phased development plan

Smith Mountain Lake State Park Master Plan Update

Public Input Meeting

Monday, September 30, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Smith Mountain Lake State Park Visitor Center
1235 State Park Road
Huddleston, Virginia

AGENDA

Welcome

Introduction to Virginia State Parks

Overview of the State Park Master Planning Process

Orientation to Smith Mountain Lake State Park

Review of Proposed master plan revisions for Smith Mountain Lake State Park

Public Comment Period

Next Steps in the Process

Adjourn

THANK YOU!

Written and emailed comments are also accepted for the Smith Mountain Lake State Park Master Plan until October 30, 2019.

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Phased Development Plan

The proposed developments for Smith Mountain Lake State Park are presented in priority order. Completion of all of the projects in this list will represent total build-out (completion of the master plan), and covers a 30-year timeframe.

Phase I

- Fuel Station and second dock with 10 slips (reconfigure area)
- Picnic Area – large shelter, conference shelter, 10 picnic pads, comfort station, transient dock, playground, car top launch and parking (60 spaces)
- Campground with 60 sites (6 yurts), 2 bath houses, dock and small playground
- Expand overflow overnight trailer parking for charging boat batteries (10 spaces)
- Water Feature, merchandise building and 100 parking spaces (relocate volleyball court)
- Widen entrance road and redesign contact station area
- Fishing piers (5 small)
- Protect and interpret historic sites. Stabilize Five Oaks Plantation site.
- Maintenance Area - storage building, chain link fence, and 3 bay pole shed
- Replace playground equipment (2 sites)
- Connect to public water authority (beach, boat ramp and overnight areas)
- Boat Launch -Reconfigure and expand area and parking including new surface pavers
- Shoreline protection (all three phases)
- Resurface parking areas throughout the park (all three phases)

The total estimated cost for Phase I development is \$.

Phase II

- Cabins - 8-3 BR, 2- 6 BR, linen/storage building, boat parking, docks (2) and playground
- Covered boat dock with lift and storage shed
- Shoreline protection (all three phases)
- Repave and widen park roads to accommodate bicycle lanes (all three phases)
- Resurface parking areas throughout the park (all three phases)

The total estimated cost for Phase II development is \$

Phase III

- Staff residence
- Paved off-road multiuse path from cabins to beach
- Connect to public water authority (Discovery Center area)
- Shoreline protection (all three phases)
- Repave and widen park roads to accommodate bicycle lanes
- Resurface parking areas throughout the park (all three phases)

The total estimated cost for Phase III development is \$

The total cost to bring Smith Mountain Lake State Park to its desired future condition is \$